

JANUARY 22, 1807.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

A Bill,

For the relief of the sufferers by fire, in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



1 Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled,* That all per-
3 sons who, being indebted to the United States for duties on mer-
4 chandise, have given bond therefor, with one, or more sureties,
5 payable to the collector for the district of Portsmouth, in the state
6 of New Hampshire, and who have suffered a loss of property by
7 the late conflagration at that place, shall be and hereby are allowed
8 to take up, or have cancelled, all bonds heretofore given for duties
9 as aforesaid, upon giving to the said collector new bonds, with one
10 or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the said collector, for the
11 sums of their former bonds respectively, payable in twelve months

12 from and after the day of payment specified in the bonds to be
13 taken up and cancelled, as aforesaid ; and the said collector is here-
14 by authorized and directed to give up, or cancel all such bonds,
15 upon the receipt of others, as described in this act ; which last
16 mentioned bonds shall be proceeded with, in all respects, like other
17 bonds, which are taken by collectors for duties due to the United
18 States : *Provided*, however, that nothing in this act contained, shall
19 extend to bonds which had fallen due prior to the twenty-fourth
20 day of December last.